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Public Hearing - 2014 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Funding

The City of Norman is holding a public hearing on the proposed use of 2014 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) funding that is being provided through the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC). The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at the Little Axe High School Cafeteria located at 2000 168th Avenue NE, Norman, OK. A map of project locations is attached.

In the fall of 2014, the City of Norman and Cleveland County jointly developed and submitted an application for CDBG-DR funding that totaled over \$49,000,000 for infrastructure repairs directly attributed to 2012 wild fires and the May 2013 tornados. The development of this application consisted of staff from the City of Norman and Cleveland County working collaboratively to evaluate all potential projects within the eligible area. This application resulted in \$21,711,500 being awarded to the City of Norman and Cleveland County for the submitted projects. The awarded projects are currently under contract in the design phase. A status update of these projects will be provided at this meeting. In August 2015, the City of Norman and Cleveland County were notified by ODOC of the potential for additional CDBG-DR funding. The City of Norman and Cleveland County again collaborated to identify and submit potential projects.

On September 22, 2015 a Public Hearing was held before the Norman City Council in preparation of submittal of an application from the City for five road projects that totaled \$5,004,821. After the selection of the City of Norman projects, it was discovered that due to a technicality the identified projects were not eligible for the CDBG-DR funding. Staff evaluated the remaining projects that were determined to be eligible and selected two projects to be submitted. Cleveland County has identified and will submit three additional projects that total \$2,607,238. An attached map identifies the initial project selections that were disqualified, as well as identifying the new selected projects. The identified projects that were determined to be ineligible for the CDBG-DR funding will be addressed in the future with other funding resources.

For questions, contact Lisa Krieg, City of Norman, CDBG/Grants Manager, at 366-5464 or lisa.krieg@normanok.gov.

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